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July 31, 2016

Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary
Idaho Public Utilities Commission
P.O. Box 83720
Boise, Idaho 83720-0074

CGS-T-16-02

Dear Ms. Jewell,

Enclosed is the application of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. for the broadband tax credit for the year 2015. This application is being submitted for Commission determination that the broadband equipment installed for 2015 meets the definition of qualified broadband equipment as found in Idaho code 63-3029I.

1. Name address of the applicant:

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc.
100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203

Contact Person:

Johnathan Groan, Director Corporate Income Tax
Phone: 318-330-6390

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. is a provider of local exchange and broadband telecommunications services in Idaho.

2. Identify the area or location where the equipment is installed in Idaho.

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for equipment installed in the years 2015. See Exhibit 2 for retirements.

Broadband investment and retirements by year are as follows:

YEAR	INVESTMENT	RETIREMENTS	NET INVESTMENT
2015	\$51,921	\$(3,503)	\$ 48,418

100 CenturyLink Drive
Monroe, LA 71203
Tel: 318.388.9000
Fax: 318.388.9093
www.centurylink.com

3. Type of Broadband service offered to the public in Idaho.

CenturyTel of the Gem States, Inc. Idaho uses terrestrial wire line technology. Various forms of DSL-based equipment are used (ADSL & VDSL in various vintages). Transport is a mix of fiber optic and metallic cable, which typically is also supporting traditional telephony services. Equipment terminals are located in Central Office buildings, remote buildings and in cabinets on concrete pads each serving a neighborhood.

4. Network Transmission rate:

Please refer to Exhibit 3 for the years 2015.

5. Provide a specific list of equipment types that the application is requesting the Commission to determine is "qualified broadband equipment" as defined in Idaho Code Section 63-3029I.

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the years 2015. See Exhibit 2 for retirements.

6. Installation dates:

Please refer to Exhibit 1 for the years 2015.

7. Written description of our Broadband Network including a description of how the installed equipment is an "integral part" of the broadband network:

Services are supported by our telecommunications network which consists of voice and data switches (circuit and packet), copper and fiber optic cables and transmission equipment. At central office building and at remote sites, multiplexers and advanced digital switches are controlled by licensed software. Fiber-optic cable is the primary transport media between nodes including interconnection points with other carriers. We continue to enhance and expand our network as broadband enabled technology improves and as customers, new and existing, demand significant additional capacity.

8. Percentage and number of potential subscribers:

Please refer to Exhibit 4 for the year 2015.

9. Certified statement from applicant:

Please See Exhibit 5.

If you have any questions concerning this filing, please contact me at (318) 330-6390.

Sincerely,



Johnathan Groan
Director Corporate Income Tax

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EXHIBIT 1

Equipment Installed In Idaho

2015

Centurytel of the Gem State, Inc.
 BROADBAND EQUIPMENT INSTALLED IDAHO 2015
 EXHIBIT 1

Sum of YTD_TOT_ACT		EXCHANGE_DESCRIPTION			
IR_DESCRIPTION	INITIATIVE_DESCRIPTION	BRUNEAU	GRANDVIEW	RICHFIELD	Grand Total
DSL GROWTH	CONSTANTS			\$340	\$340
	ENGINEERING			\$765	\$765
HSI BANDWIDTH AUGMENTATION	ENGINEERING			\$73	\$73
	TRANSMISSION/DLC			\$1,935	\$1,935
NATL MARKET REV - WHOLESALE	ENGINEERING			\$10,529	\$10,576
	FIBER OPTIC				\$46
	TRANSMISSION/DLC			\$1,333	\$186
NETWORK PLAN - ACCESS	CONSTANTS			\$15,724	\$15,724
NETWORK RELIABILITY	ENGINEERING		\$0	\$2,160	\$2,160
	SWITCHING		\$0	\$15,313	\$15,313
Grand Total			\$0	\$48,173	\$3,748
					\$51,921

EXHIBIT 2

Equipment Retirements

2015

CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc.
IDAHO BROADBAND RETIREMENTS
2015 RETIREMENTS BY VINTAGE
IDAHO CODE SECTION. 63-3029B

YEAR	VINTAGE	RETIREMENTS
2015	V2011	0
2015	V2012	0
2015	V2013	257
2015	V2014	0
2015	V2015	3,246
TOTAL RETIREMENTS 2015		3,503

EXHIBIT 3

Network Transmission Rates

2015

CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.
IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT 2015
NETWORK TRANSMISSION RATES
QUESTION # 4

ID LUs	40 mbps	20mbps	12mbps	7mbps	5mbps	3mbps	1.5mbps	256kbps	Total ID
EOY 2015	0	403	32	578	58	62	153	155	1,441

NOTE: Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. Where mbps means megabits per second. These are download speeds. Upload speeds vary. These are availability counts, not subscribership counts.

EXHIBIT 4

Idaho Broadband Subscribers

2015

CENTURYTEL OF THE GEM STATE, INC.
IDAHO BROADBAND CREDIT 2015
PERCENTAGE AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL SUBSCRIBERS
QUESTION #8

ID LUs	TOTAL LU'S	TOTAL QUALIFIED	% QUALIFIED
		LU'S	LU'S
EOY 2015	2,141	1,441	67%

NOTE: Where LU means Living Unit. A Living Unit is a street address where CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. might send a bill and where wireline plant is not far away. A working Living Unit is an address where the company now sends a bill for some type of service, not necessarily internet access service and not necessarily telephony service. A qualified LU is an address where DSL-based service could be provisioned in a short interval of time.

EXHIBIT 5

Idaho Broadband Certification

2015

IDAHO BROADBAND CERTIFICATION
EXHIBIT 5

I hereby, certify that Representatives of CenturyTel of the Gem State, Inc. (the applicant) have read the application statutes for the broadband investment income tax credit and the applicant believes that the subject broadband equipment qualifies for the tax credit under Idaho Code Section 63-3029I .

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jonathan J. Robinson", is written over a horizontal line.

Jonathan J. Robinson
Vice President Tax